

REMARKS

In the action of January 25, 2006, the examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 8 under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Buonocore in view of Golembeck; rejected claim 7 as unpatentable over Buonocore in view of Golembeck and further in view of Salyard; and rejected claim 9 as unpatentable over Buonocore in view of Golembeck and further in view of Hollander et al.

Applicant has amended the claims to specify that the pillow kit comprises a cover assembly for a stand-alone pillow in which are located a plurality of chamber sections, each of which defines a separate volume within the cover assembly of the pillow, with loose filling located within each of the chamber sections. Further, the pillow kit includes a plurality of core members constructed to be insertable into and removable from the chamber sections.

Such a structure is patentably distinguished from the combination of Buonocore and Golembeck. Buonocore, which is the primary reference, teaches a mattress comprising three sections, only one of which, compartment 32, is adapted to support a user's head. The other compartments (34 and 36) are for supporting a user's torso and legs, respectively. Applicant's structure is specifically a stand-alone pillow in which are located a plurality of chamber sections, each of which contains loose filling, and a plurality of removable core members for the chamber sections. Buonocore does not disclose such a multi-chamber structure for a pillow alone.

Also, combining Golembeck with the Buonocore mattress does not produce a structure which includes access to the interior of the mattress. Golembeck is simply a mattress cover with a zipper into which an existing mattress is inserted. There is no suggestion in Golembeck of modifying the structure of Buonocore to provide access to the interior of Buonocore. There is nothing in Golembeck, contrary to the examiner's assertion, which would suggest to one skilled in the art to modify Buonocore to leave one side open for "selectively opening and closing said one side in order to facilitate cleaning of the cover assembly and removal or replacement of the loose filling and the at least one core member as desired".

One skilled in the art would simply view Buonocore as teaching a

cover for an existing closed bedding article. The entire article, such as a mattress, would be covered using a zippered cover, using the Golembeck teaching, as opposed to providing access to the interior of a bedding article. Hence, it would not be obvious to modify Buonocore with the Golembeck teaching to provide access to the interior of the Buonocore article.

In view of the above, claim 1 is patentable over Buonocore and Golembeck. Further, since claims 4-9 and new claim 12 are dependent upon claim 1, those claims are also allowable. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

This is also to request a three-month extension of time to respond the action of September 8, 2005. Enclosed is the required fee of \$1020.

Any additional fees or deficiencies or credits can be charged to Deposit Account 07-1900.

Respectfully submitted,
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